

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of generating an authorization status list, comprising:

generating a run-length encoded representation of an authorization status of a number of devices; and

storing the representation in the authorization status list by indicating the number of devices in each of said ranges for each of a number of ranges of devices, the devices in a particular range having a same authorization status.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, comprising generating the representation by indicating, for each of a number of ranges of devices, the devices in a particular range having a same authorization status, the number of indicating the authorization status shared by the devices in each of said ranges in the authorization status list for each of said ranges.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1[[2]], comprising indicating boundary of said ranges in the authorization status list for each of said ranges the authorization status shared by the devices in each of said ranges.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 or 3, comprising indicating in the authorization status list a boundary of said ranges a device identifier as a boundary.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method of any previous claim, comprising generating the representation by indicating, for a first range of devices, the devices in the first range having a same first authorization status, the number of devices in the first range, and, for a second range of devices, the devices in the second range having a same second authorization status, the number of devices in the second range claim 5, wherein the second range is successive to the first range and the first authorization status differs from the second authorization status.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, the second range being successive to the first range and the first authorization status differing from the second authorization status 5, comprising omitting a further range if the further range is of a predetermined length.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, comprising ~~omitting a further range if the further range is of a~~ 7, wherein the predetermined length equals one.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, in which 7, comprising indicating in the authorization status list the predetermined length equals one.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim [[8]]1, comprising indicating in the authorization status list ~~the predetermined length a number of bits used to indicate the number of devices in each of said ranges.~~

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, comprising indicating in the authorization status list ~~a number of bits used to indicate the number of devices in each of said ranges version number and/or a creation date.~~

12. (currently amended) The method of any previous claim 1, comprising ~~indicating in transmitting the authorization status list a version number and/or a creation date to a device for verifying its authorization status or of a further device.~~

13. (currently amended) The method of any previous claim 1,
comprising transmitting the authorization status list to a device
for enabling the device to verify the authorization status of
itself or of a further device recording the authorization status
list on a storage medium.

14. (currently amended) The method of any previous claim 13,
comprising recording the authorization status list on a in a
fixed data area of a rewritable storage medium.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, 13, comprising
recording the authorization status list in a rewritable area of a
rewritable storage medium and recording a cryptographic summary of
the authorization status list in a fixed data area of a said
rewritable storage medium.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, comprising
recording the authorization status list in a rewritable area of a
rewritable storage medium and recording a cryptographic summary of
the authorization status list in a fixed data area of said
rewritable storage medium A device arranged for executing the
method of claim 1.

17. (currently amended) A computer program for causing a processor to execute the method of claim 1.
18. (currently amended) A computer program for causing a processor to execute source device arranged for authorizing an operation by a sink device, the source device comprising authorization status checking means for verifying the authorization status of the sink device using an authorization status list as produced by the method of claim 1.
19. (currently amended) A source device (410) arranged for authorizing an operation by a sink device (400), the source device comprising authorization status checking means (415) for verifying the authorization status of the sink device using record carrier on which there is recorded an authorization status list as produced by the method of claim 1.
20. (currently amended) A The record carrier on which there is recorded an of claim 19, further comprising a fixed data area and a rewritable data area, in which the authorization status list as produced by the method of claim 1. is recorded in the fixed data area.

21. (currently amended) The record carrier of claim 20, 19, comprising a fixed data area and a rewritable data area, in which the authorization status list is recorded in the rewritable area and a cryptographic summary of the authorization status list is recorded in the fixed data area.

22. (currently amended) The record carrier of claim 20, comprising a fixed data area and a rewritable data area, in which the authorization status list is recorded in the rewritable area and a cryptographic summary of the authorization status list is recorded in the fixed data area A signal embodying an authorization status list as produced by the method of claim 1.